

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are presently pending in the application. The drawings and specification stand as previously amended.

RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a repair device, classified in class 464, subclass 158.
- II. Claims 13-27, drawn to a method for repairing, classified in class 29, subclass 402.01.

Applicant provisionally elects claims 1-12 of group I with traverse and without prejudice to pursuing the non-elected claims in subsequent divisional or continuation applications.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement since the claimed subject matter of groups I and II are sufficiently related such that an undue burden would not be presented to the Examiner by maintaining all of the claims in this application. In the event that the Examiner maintains the restriction requirement, he is hereby authorized to cancel claims 13-27 without prejudice.

The Examiner has also noted that the application contains claims directed to the following patentability distinct species of the claimed invention: Species I shown in Figs. 1-2; Species II shown in Figs. 3-9 and Species III shown in Figs. 10-14.

Applicant further provisionally elects prosecution for the claims of Species I relating to Figures 1-2. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 and 8-12 read on

Figures 1-2. Accordingly, Applicant requests substantive examination of the elected species and claims readable thereon.

CONCLUSION

If it is believed that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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